

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A method comprising:

performing a search to determine documents related to a search query, the search being performed on a database containing a plurality of document categories, to obtain a list of search results corresponding to each of at least two of the categories, the plurality of document categories including an image category;

ranking the lists of search results relative to one another; and

generating a document in which the search results are placed in an organization determined based, at least in part, on the ranking of the lists of search results.

2. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the organization of the generated document includes two or more of the lists of search results placed in a separate section.

3. (original) The method of claim 2, wherein more highly ranked lists of search results are displayed more prominently in the generated document than less highly ranked lists of search results.

4. (original) The method of claim 2, wherein the generated document includes the search results as hyper-text transfer protocol (HTTP) links.

5. (original) The method of claim 4, wherein the more highly ranked lists of search results are displayed in sections that include more links than the sections corresponding to the less highly ranked lists of search results.

6. (original) The method of claim 2, wherein at least one of the sections includes a title describing the category corresponding to the section.

7. (original) The method of claim 2, wherein at least one of the sections includes a link to additional search results for the category corresponding to the section.

8. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the generated document is a web page.

9. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein ranking the lists of search results is performed based on documents in the lists of search results.

10. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein ranking the lists of search results is performed based on the search query.

11. (original) The method of claim 2, wherein a most highly ranked list of search results is displayed on a left hand side of the generated document.

12. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the categories additionally include a news category or a product category ~~include at least one of documents relating to news, products, images, and general web pages.~~

13. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the categories additionally include a general web page category ~~documents relating to news, products, images, and general web pages.~~

14. (currently amended) A search engine comprising:
a search component configured to identify documents related to a search query from a database containing a plurality of document categories, the search component obtaining a list of search results corresponding to each of at least two of the categories;

a ranking component configured to rank the lists of search results relative to one another, the ranking being based on the search query and including looking for predetermined terms in the search query that tend to indicate a particular document category is likely to be related to the search query; and

an interface generation component configured to generate a document in which the search results are organized based, at least in part, on the ranking of the lists of search results.

15. (original) The search engine of claim 14, wherein the organization of the generated document includes at least two of the lists of search results placed in a separate section.

16. (original) The search engine of claim 15, wherein more highly ranked lists of search results are displayed more prominently in the generated document than less highly ranked lists of search results.

17. (original) The search engine of claim 15, wherein at least one of the sections includes a link to additional search results for the category corresponding to the section.

18. (original) The search engine of claim 14, wherein the generated document is a web page.

19. (original) The search engine of claim 14, wherein ranking the lists of search results is performed based on documents in the lists of search results.

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21. (currently amended) A method of organizing documents categorized into a plurality of categories, the method comprising:

receiving a search query;

performing a search based on the search query in each of the plurality of categories to locate the documents;

ranking the plurality of categories based on contents of the documents in each of the categories, the ranking also including looking for predetermined terms in the search query that tend to indicate a particular document category is likely to be related to the search query; and

generating a results document in which the documents are organized by category and in which the documents of higher ranking categories are more prominently placed in the results document.

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23. (original) The method of claim 21, wherein the documents are placed in the results document as hyper-text transfer protocol (HTTP) links.

24. (original) The method of claim 23, wherein links of the higher ranking categories are displayed in sections of the results document that include more links than the sections corresponding to links of lower ranking categories.

25. (original) The method of claim 21, wherein the results document includes titles describing the categories.

26. (original) The method of claim 21, wherein the results document includes links to additional search results for the categories.

27. (original) The method of claim 21, wherein the results document is a web page.

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30. (currently amended) A computer-readable medium containing programming instructions for execution by a processor, the computer-readable medium including:

instructions for receiving input documents categorized into a plurality of categories, the plurality of categories including an image category;

instructions for ranking the input documents based on contents of the input documents in each of the categories; and

instructions for generating a results document in which the input documents are organized by category and in which the documents of higher ranking categories are more prominently placed in the results document.

31. (original) The computer-readable medium of claim 30, further comprising:

instructions for receiving a search query; and

instructions for performing a search based on the search query in at least two categories to locate the input documents.